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## RAIN DID NOT DAMPEN HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

Cranford’s annual Brian Jenkins Memorial Halloween Costume Contest was held on Sunday, October 29th in the Cranford Community Center. Winners can be found listed on the [cranfordjaycees.com](http://cranfordjaycees.com) website. Participants then paraded through a slight mist up Walnut Avenue to the corner of Springfield Avenue to witness the traditional Pumpkin vs. Gravity contest. Video and photos of the event can also be found on the Cranford Jaycees Facebook page.

The event is named for Brian Jenkins, a Jaycee who helped make this event a beloved town tradition and is sponsored by the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department in partnership with the Cranford Jaycees.



*Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on the Cranford Monthly page on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com). Feel free to “Like,” “Tag,” and “Share.”*

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# BOSOM BUDDIES OF NJ RECEIVES DONATION

CRANFORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Tuesday, October 17th the Cranford Knights of Columbus presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Mary Ellen O'Neill of Bosom Buddies of NJ, a charitable organization based in Cranford. Bosom Buddies offers support to Cranford and other local residents and their families, who are fighting cancer with donations of gift baskets and gift cards from Cranford businesses to provide meals and any other essentials they may need during a difficult time.

Our donation is from the proceeds of our Annual Golf Outing that was held on September 15th and was a tremendous success.

The Cranford Council supports many worthy charities and civic causes and is committed to being a viable part of our community. For information about joining the Cranford Council, please contact our Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey at 973-390-9327 or visit our web site [cranfordknights.org](http://cranfordknights.org).



(above) Pictured at the ceremonial check presentation with Mary Ellen are Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey, Past Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney and members of the Golf Outing Committee.

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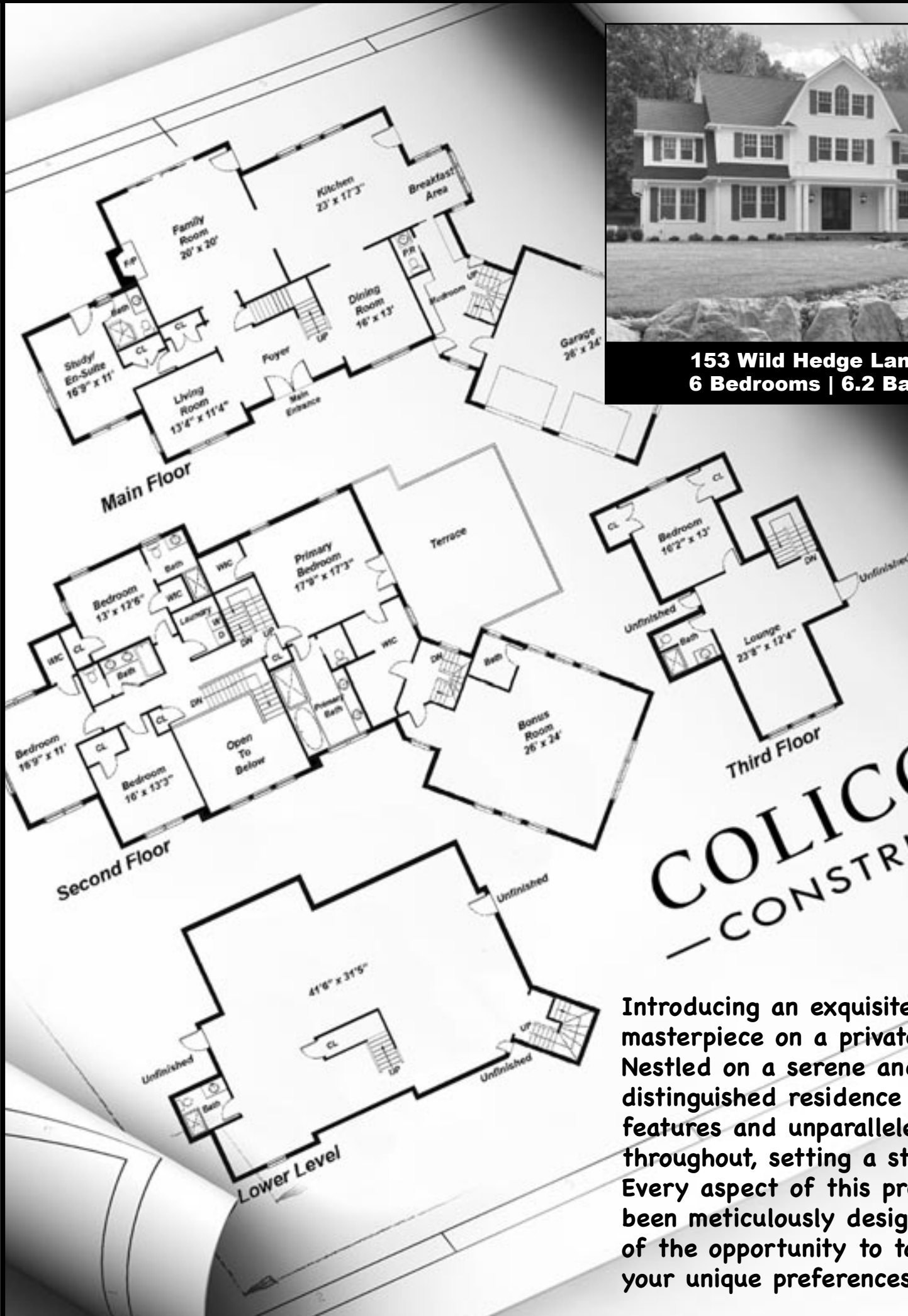


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(above) Scouts from Troop 80 worked on their Cooking Merit Badge by making a dinner of steak fajitas, with chopped peppers and onions, on their camp stoves.



(above) Troop 80 of Cranford participated in this year's BSA Pioneer District's annual Camporee where they camped, baked, and cooked while having fun.

# TROOP 80 AT BOY SCOUTS CAMPOREE

Submitted by Peter McDevitt

Cranford's Troop 80 participated in the BSA Pioneer District's annual Camporee from October 13-15, 2023. This year the event was held at the Round Valley Reservoir in Lebanon, NJ.

At the campout, the Scouts participated in a cake-baking contest, where they baked a chocolate cherry lava cake in a Dutch oven using only charcoal for heat. They also worked on their Cooking Merit Badge by making a dinner of

steak fajitas, with chopped peppers and onions, on their camp stoves.

Troop 80 is chartered by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, which is located at 11 Springfield Ave. The troop meets on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and organizes monthly camping and hiking trips for the weekends.

If you have an interest in learning more about Scouting, please come by, or email us at [troop80registrar@gmail.com](mailto:troop80registrar@gmail.com).



(above) During Camporee, Scouts participated in a cake contest, making a chocolate cherry lava cake in a Dutch oven on charcoal.

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During the September General Meeting, the Cranford Knights of Columbus received a Star Council Award from the Supreme Council for outstanding achievement during this past Columbian Year in the areas of membership, recruitment, programming and fundraising.

District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Jim Vari presented the award to Past Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney. Jerry has served as our Grand Knight for over the past two years and under his tenure the Council has served and supported many worthy charities and civic causes locally, state-wide, and nationally.

The Council looks forward to a great upcoming Columbian Year and thanks everyone who continue to support us.

Founded in 1970, the Cranford Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization dedicated to our four core principles, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. We support many worthy charities and civic causes is committed to be a viable part of our community. For information about joining the Cranford Council, please contact Grand Knight Jerry Conheeney at 973-416-3464 or visit [cranfordknights.org](http://cranfordknights.org).



(above) District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Jim Vari and Jerry Conheeney.

Courtesy photo

## FRIENDSHIP DAY AT TURTLE BACK ZOO

Over 700 special needs students, their teachers, and aides had smiles on their faces for the Elks 46th annual Friendship Day at Turtle Back Zoo on October 2, 2023. The event was sponsored by area Elks club members.

It was a perfect Fall day for participants to walk around the park and learn about the animals on display while enjoying activities, games, a DJ, and face painting sponsored by Elks from the North Central District.

Meanwhile, Elks from the East Central District, with Lodges in Stirling, Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, Cranford, Union, and Rahway, provided, prepared, and served 1,200 hot dog meals to hungry visitors.

Elks Care - Elks Share. And Friendship Day is one of many ways that the Elks turn those words into action. Throughout NJ, Elks provide assistance for the caring of special needs children. The Elks maintain clinics, hire nurses, therapists, pediatricians, psychologists, and teachers as well as provide equipment such as

crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds to those in need. In addition, Elks Camp Moore provides special needs children with a fun-filled vacation away from home where they can try new adventures, create lasting friendships, and experience opportunities that promote independence and greater self-confidence.

Please visit [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) for more information and how to join The Elks.



(above) Annual Friendship Day at Turtle Back Zoo

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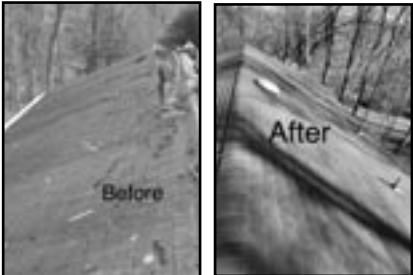


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Staff Sergeant Sands extended his enlistment in the Air Force in July. In August he was informed he was selected for promotion to Staff Sergeant, while on temporary duty at Camp Roberts in California. Only 17.4% were selected for promotion, the lowest amount in years. Then he found out his unit was presented the Meritorious Unit Award for serving in Operation Allies Refuge.

On September 19th the Honorable Alex Wagner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Chief Master Sgt. Steve Cenov, SAF/MR Command Chief, visited Spangdahlem Air Force Base and Senior Airman Sands briefed them on the drone systems

he works with. The Assistant Secretary gave Senior Airman Sands his challenge coin. That week he was told he would go on a Temporary Duty Tour to Iceland. On September 22nd he was told he was selected as Airman for the Quarter for his Squadron and told he will move onto the Group level competition.



(above) Senior Airman Nathan Sands (Left), during The Honorable Alex Wagner, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs briefing.

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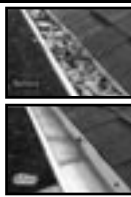
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- Rehabilitation can take years.

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- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
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There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

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- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
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- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

### Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

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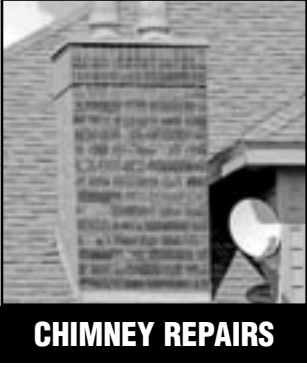
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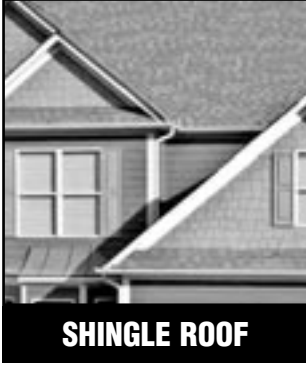
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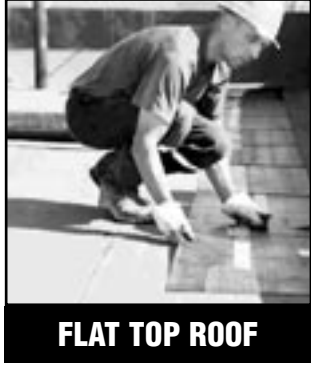
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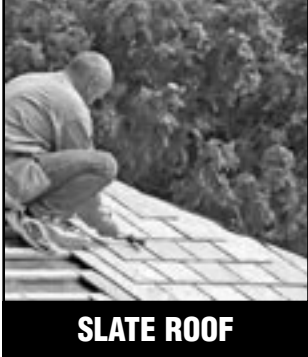
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# GOLF OUTING BLESSED WITH A HOLE-IN-ONE

Submitted by Jonn Dolan

The Cranford Knights of Columbus held our 20th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ with over 100 Golfers attending.

Our Council has a very special relationship with Father Krzysztof Maslowski (Father Kris) who was our Worthy Chaplain for many years while serving as a Parochial Vicar at St. Michael's Church and who is now the Pastor of Holy Spirit Church in Union. Father Kris plays with us every year that he can and this year, we had a very special moment when Father Kris recorded a Hole-in-One on the Par 3 15th Hole. God smiled down and blessed us with some beautiful weather and even more so with Father Kris and his Hole-in-One. It was a wonderful moment for a great guy and even greater priest.

We do not have any special Hole-in-One prizes any more due to increased costs and needing a spotter at each prize hole and our Council will be honoring Father Kris for his special achievement on our own and according to his wishes. Our goal with our Annual Golf Outing is to raise as much money as we can to support all the worthy charities and other organizations that we support on a yearly basis.

The Cranford Council supports many worthy charities and civic causes and is committed to being a viable part of our community. For information about joining the Cranford Council, please contact our Grand Knight Kevin Cumiskey at 973-390-9327 or visit our web site [cranfordknights.org](http://cranfordknights.org).



(above) Father Krzysztof Maslowski scores a hole-in-one at Knights of Columbus Outing.

# A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT YOU CAN DO WITH THE KIDS AND GRANDKIDS

Want to impact hunger right here in our area? Join Cranford United Methodist Church as we revive the CUMC Samaritan Sandwich-Making events.

How does it work? The public is invited to come to the church's education building at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 5, 2023, to make sandwiches for families in need. Sandwiches will be delivered to St. Joseph's Social Services Center in Elizabeth.

Bring sandwich ingredients: a few loaves of bread, turkey, ham, cheese, peanut butter and jelly. The church will provide some ingredients, but these go fast so please bring what you can.

Why is the church doing this? Cranford United Methodist Church is a Christian community seeking justice and peace. We embrace all people of every age, race, sexual

orientation, and economic status. We're walking the walk, not just talking the talk. For more information visit [cranfordumc.com](http://cranfordumc.com).

Sandwich-making is a great activity to do with your children to get them to understand hunger and poverty. The need is great. Families, the unemployed, and the elderly all wait in the cold for the food to be distributed at lunchtime at St. Joseph's and the line starts to form early in the morning.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come alone or with others .... all are welcome!

Want to help out? Join the team. We are forming a team to organize more of these events in the future.

If you would like to join the team, or just have questions, send an email to [office@cranfordumc.com](mailto:office@cranfordumc.com).

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# MEET USAF MAJOR KARL DIETER HEZEL, ELECTRIC WARFARE OFFICER

## One of Cranford 86

Written by Vic Bary

The research effort that goes into constructing the history of a Cranford 86 honoree takes a team effort, perhaps never more so than with the history constructed for Major Karl Dieter Hezel, USAF. Research was conducted by our leader, Don Sweeney, by members Stu Rosenthal and Janet Cymbaluk Ashnault, by friend and supporter Don P. Smith, a retired Army colonel and resident of Cranford's "Sunny Acres" neighborhood, and by friend Steve Glazer, a retired Army lieutenant colonel. Lastly, research was done by me, the lead writer, Cranford 86 member Vic Bary.

I asked to be the lead writer on this story as I felt a certain bond with Major Hezel. In 1967, while he was flying missions from Thailand into North Vietnam, I was serving with an Army helicopter unit northwest of Saigon. I thought that gave the two of us a certain connectedness.

Where do you start when attempting to tell the story of Major Karl Dieter Hezel, who flew over 100 missions during the Vietnam War, meeting his tragic end on his 110th mission. Perhaps we should follow the advice of the king to Alice in Alice in Wonderland: "Begin at the beginning..."

### KARL DIETER HEZEL'S EARLY YEARS

Karl Dieter Hezel was born in Goeppinger, Germany December 8, 1933. His parents, Karl Frederick Hezel and Maria Buehler Hezel, were both German citizens, but had visited the U.S. several times to visit relatives. They were married in New Jersey on September 30, 1930, and returned to Germany sometime thereafter. The Hezels came back to the U.S. permanently in July 1934, taking up residence at 635 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ. Frederick was employed by P. Ballantine and Sons.

In 1941, the Hezel family relocated to Cranford, buying a house at 2 Oneida Place, a house built in the second construction phase of Sears, Roebuck and Co's "Sunny Acres" development on the southern border of Cranford. By then, Karl F. was reported to be a brewmaster at P. Ballantine and Sons. Karl Frederick became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1937. Maria Hezel became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1944. Young Karl Dieter Hezel would be their only child.

By any measure, Karl Dieter Hezel was a boy's boy. Perhaps nothing reflected this as well as when, as a 10-year-old on February 10, 1944, he fell through thin ice playing on the Rahway River near his home at 2 Oneida Place. Fortunately, a passing truck driver witnessed the event and pulled him to safety.

Young Karl would be schooled at Lincoln School and then go on to Cranford High School, graduating in 1951. He seemed to enjoy outdoor activities and sports. In 1943 he was the Osceola Playground ball pitching contest winner. He would repeat the feat again in 1949 as the senior boys' softball pitch winner at a playground competition. He was an avid member of the Rod and Gun Club and was pictured in a 1950 Cranford Citizen and Chronicle article, skeet shooting with the club.



(above, left) Major Hezel: Major Hezel in uniform. This photograph was used in his obituaries. (above, right) With digital enhancements, Cranford 86 has started experimenting with looking deeper into the photographs that are sometimes less than perfect. You can see the best image that was available to us in this portrait that was used in Karl's obituary and then next to it, the digitally restored portrait created with the help of Artificial Intelligence. Many of the pictures that were used in our 200 page tribute book may be updated in this manner in our upcoming book on Memorial Day. See Karl D. Hezel in full color on [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) or in our printed tribute book that will be available on Memorial Day 2024.

### BOY SCOUTS

Karl was an active member of Troop 76 of the local Boy Scouts. In October 1947 he attended a one-week camping trip at Surprise Lake with his troop. In July, 1949 he received the White Oak award. In May 1950 – perhaps a sign of things to come – he earned his Pathfinding Merit Badge.

### SCHOOLING

After attending Lincoln School Karl went on to Cranford High School, from which he would graduate in 1951. An honor roll student, Karl was active in a wide variety of activities. He played varsity tennis and soccer and was a member of the Rod and Gun Club. In 1951 Karl was a member of the senior class production of "Oh Suzannah!". His high school senior yearbook entry records that he belonged to the photo, chess, and visual aids clubs as well as the stage crew. In 1951 he joined Hi-Y (a WMCA sponsored service club for middle and high school boys and girls).

After high school, Karl attended Temple University and then the University of Miami, where he received a BA in political science in 1956. A member of the United States Air Force (USAF) ROTC program, he was commissioned upon graduation as a 2nd Lieutenant. After entering active military service, he would earn both an electrical engineering BS, and an MS in aerospace systems engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

### EARLY MILITARY CAREER – A CLASSMATE REMEMBERS

After entering active duty and completing Basic Training, 2nd LT Hezel was sent to Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, TX to be trained and rated as a navigator in 1957. (Remember his Boy Scout Pathfinder badge?) Navigator training lasted 42 weeks and included 180 hours of in-flight training. By that time, he was married to Frances Osowski Hezel. He then went to Keesler Air Force Base for a six-month course to train and be rated as an electronic warfare officer (EWO) in 1958.

We learned some personal information about this time in Karl's life upon discovery of an online tribute. Three o'clock p.m. on Memorial Day has been designated by Congress as the National Moment of Remembrance. As an act of national unity Americans are asked to stop for one minute to reflect on the sacrifices that U.S. military members have made. On Memorial Day 2023, Air Force veteran Steve Burton spent this moment thinking about his friend and USAF classmate, Karl Hezel. He then took the time to share his thoughts on Karl on The Wall of Faces -Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund website.

### STEVE'S POST READS IN PART:

"I first met Karl at Ellington AFB, Houston Texas in January, 1957. We were in the same Navigator training class. ... Like me, Karl was

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married – his wife Fran and my wife Marnell became friends off base. We lived in the same apartment complex in Houston. Karl and I and two other classmates carpooled for the daily trip to Ellington.

In class, and off-base the Hezels and Burtons often socialized – often a quite amusing time as the Hezels constant companions were their two Weimaraners. Like me, Karl was accepted into ECM (Electronic Counter Measures) School after getting our Navigator wings – classmates again but now at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi.

ECM was a six-month school, and an additional upgraded aeronautical rating if you graduated. The majority of graduates went directly to SAC (the Strategic Air Command) – and would probably join a crew in a B52. Karl and I had the same class schedule and often flew training missions together ... I expected to go to SAC, but was offered a position as a teacher at the school – 5-week course in basic electronic systems. Karl went to SAC – first station ... Larsen AFB, Moses Lake, WA. ... Karl put in

for a ‘regular commission’ in early 1959 and began his career ... I got out of the Air Force just before the end of 1959”.

### KARL BECOMES AN ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER

In the U.S. Air Force, an electronic warfare officer (EWO) was a trained aerial navigator who had also received additional training in enemy threat systems, electronic warfare principles and overcoming enemy air defense systems (his Electronic Counter Measures training.) These officers were specialists in finding, identifying and countering air defense systems and also radar-, infrared-, optically- guided surface-to-air missiles, anti-aircraft artillery, as well as enemy fighter planes. In aircraft that could penetrate enemy airspace, EWOs protected the aircraft that they accompanied using radar jamming, chaff (metal confetti) and flares to deceive potential threats. In other aircraft, EWOs worked to gather intelligence information on potential enemy air defense systems and communication systems. Karl Hezel would become an EWO and his aircraft was the Douglas B-66 “Destroyer”. The EWOs were referred to as “Ravens” and their jamming devices emitted a 45-degree radar jamming cone toward the ground.

### KARL HEZEL’S AIRCRAFT – THE B-66 “DESTROYER”

The B-66 “Destroyer” was a USAF adaptation of the U.S. Navy A-3 “Sky Warrior”. Development began in 1954 to replace the USAF prop-driven A-26 “Invader”. The B-66 was accepted into service in 1956 and removed from service in 1975.

The resulting B-66 was highly (90%) modified from the Navy A-3 design because of the differing roles they would assume. The A-3 was to be a high-altitude nuclear bomber. The B-66 was to be a lower altitude tactical bomber, with subsequent modifications for roles as a reconnaissance (RB), electronic weapons (EB), and weather (WB) platform. (Other changes, such as substituting the less efficient and lower thrust Allison J71 engines in place of the Navy’s proven Pratt & Whitney J57, may have simply reflected the intense inter-service rivalry of the time and the need for each branch of the armed services “to be different” from the others. It also reflected a fear by the Air Force that competing demand for the J57s might make them unavailable in sufficient quantity for the B-66 development program.)

No B-66 ever served as a bomber in Vietnam, and the crews were therefore increased from the A-3’s three, to the USAF B-66 seven for their different missions, with the additional four crew members housed in what would have been the bomber’s bomb bay. Thirty-six (36) RB-66Cs were constructed, and four would be converted to EB-66C electronic warfare versions for service in Vietnam with uprated electronic countermeasures equipment. This was the aircraft in which Major Karl Hezel served. Each EWO in the pod would monitor an assigned set of electronic frequencies to detect, then jam, enemy weapon systems.

### WARFARE BECOMES MORE SOPHISTICATED

During the Korean War, the USAF had only one A-26 (the aircraft the B-66 would replace) devoted to electronic countermeasures. Weapons of that period were visually sighted, then dropped (bombs) or fired (guns). But by the early 1960s and the developing Vietnam War, anti-aircraft guns were becoming radar directed. The Soviet Union supplied these to North Vietnam, together with radar-guided Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs). The B-66 was modified to try to defeat these radar systems.

Initially, B-66s engaged in classic electronic reconnaissance (ELINT) which required collected information to be analyzed and compiled on the ground after the flight. As more and more North Vietnamese anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) and Surface to Air Missiles (SAMs) became mobile, real-time ELINT and electronic countermeasures (ECM) became the order of the day. The EB-66C model gave the electronic weapons officers tunable jamming transmitters, allowing them to adjust jamming frequencies in response to the North Vietnamese radar signatures.

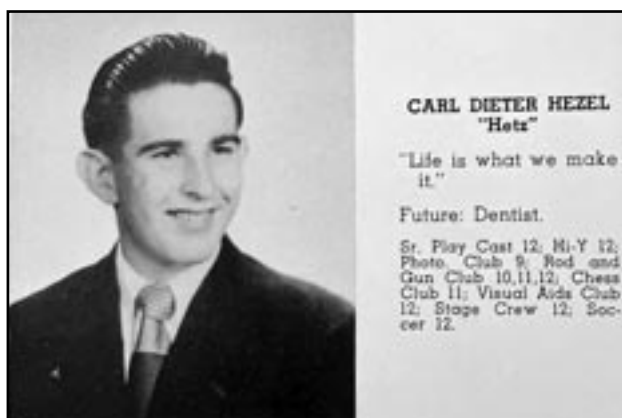
Until early 1968, B-66’s flew “racetrack” patterns over North Vietnam, but after one was shot down by a MiG January 14, 1968, they were ordered to fly just outside of North Vietnamese airspace. (Thus, all Major Hezel’s missions would have been flown over North Vietnamese airspace.) EB-66Cs helped gather electronic intelligence about North Vietnamese defenses. They provided protection for Republic F-105 “Thunderchief” heavy fighter/bombers (affectionately referred to as “Thuds”) on bombing missions by jamming North Vietnamese radar serving anti-aircraft guns, SAM anti-aircraft missiles, and MiG interceptors. Throughout the “Rolling Thunder” bombing campaign over North Vietnam, both the U.S. bombing flights, and the North Vietnamese defenses took one another’s measure, and modified and increased the sophistication of their approaches to the conflict.

During their Vietnam War service: one B-66 was shot down by a MiG, five were lost to SAM anti-aircraft missiles, and 11 lost to accidents. Because the plane was out of production by the Vietnam War, maintenance and replacement parts were an ongoing issue. (Remember this, and the need to be different with different engines, when you consider the crash of Major Hezel’s aircraft.)

### THE VIETNAM WAR THAT KARL HEZEL STEPPED INTO

Vietnam had been part of French Indochina until the Communist Viet Minh defeated the French in 1954 at the Battle of Bien Dien Phu. The Geneva Accords settling the war partitioned the former colony into two parts at the 17th parallel. The North would be controlled by the Communist Viet Minh. The South would be controlled by a government favorable to a non-communist democracy. Free passage between the two parts was allowed pending a promised 1956 election to re-unite the country under whichever

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(above) Senior Yearbook Entry: Karl, whose Cranford High School Senior Yearbook entry read ‘Carl’, reflected an active high school life and career plans to be a dentist.



(above) 2 Oneida Place: Two Oneida Place, the Sunny Acres Sears home where Karl grew



(above) Grave Site: Major Hezel’s resting place in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood, PA. His wife, Frances Osowski Hezel is also buried there.



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form of government the people chose. This allowed Communists in the South to relocate to North, and democratic citizens in the North to relocate to the South, if they so desired. When it became clear that the 1956 election was likely to result in a Communist Vietnam, the government in the South (which was strongly under the influence of the U.S. and its CIA) called off the promised elections.

This was just when Karl Hezel began his USAF training. Over the next decade, South Vietnam would go through a series of failed governments and increasing warfare against Communist guerilla units (the National Liberation Front or “Viet Cong”), which usually defeated the Army of South Vietnam (ARVN). The U.S. increased covert and overt military support to the South Vietnamese government – “military advisors” at first (23,300 by the end of 1964). But in 1965, American ground troops were first stationed in South Vietnam, and by the end of the year numbered 184,300. By the end of 1967, the year Karl and I were there, that U.S. military presence had grown to 485,600. This, then, was the Vietnam War Major Karl Dieter Hezel would step into.

### MAJOR HEZEL'S SERVICE IN VIETNAM - LIFE IN “THE BELLY OF THE BEAST”

Major Hezel served at Takhli Royal Thai Airforce Base (RTAFB) with the 41st Tactical Electronics Weapons (TEWS) Squadron, supporting the 335th Tactical Fighter Wing. All EB-66 aircraft intended to accompany “Rolling Thunder” bombing missions over North Vietnam were stationed at Takhli. At the time of his accident on November 17, 1967, Major Hezel was undertaking his 110th mission. Aircraft located in Thailand would fly directly across Laos to attack targets in and around, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

To understand the taxing nature of Major Hezel's 110 missions, you must understand what conditions would have been like in the EB-66C's bomb bay where the four Electronic Counter Measures officers were housed. Forget your experience in commercial airliners. Military aircraft are designed to minimize the weight of anything not directly needed to accomplish the mission. The inside of a military aircraft is a metal frame enveloped in a thin metal skin which directs and assists airflow. No weight is wasted on insulation - either sound-deadening or

temperature moderation - or on smooth inner surfaces and comfort. Major Hezel's bomb bay would have acted like a large, windowless metal drum magnifying the roar of the engines and the groans and creaks of the metal as temperatures dropped with increased altitude. They were also lengthy flights requiring one or more instances of aerial refueling.

The bomb bay work area would have been beastly hot when the aircraft was on the ground, transitioning to very cold as the EB-66C climbed to a cruising altitude of 30,000 feet for its missions over North Vietnam. All this, in addition to being shot at while in or near North Vietnamese airspace, Karl Hezel was quite literally “living in the belly of the beast.”

### THE 11/17/1967 CRASH AND ACCIDENT REPORT

On November 17, 1967, Major Hezel's EB-66C lifted off from Takhli airbase to start his 110th mission. The official USAF accident report tells what happened next.

According to the USAF Accident Report for Douglas EB-66C “Destroyer” tail number 54-0473: “Shortly after departing Takhli RTAFB, the number two engine failed. Pilot Maj Max Nichols attempted to return to base. While aircraft was on short final approach it settled rapidly into rough ground 1,200 feet short of the runway, slid for a short distance, caught fire and exploded. Only two of the seven crewmen were able to escape the burning aircraft.” Five crewmen were killed, including Major Hezel. In that crash the USAF lost three majors, a captain, and a 1st lieutenant. Quite likely the two survivors were unfit for further duty.

### INTERMENT AND SUBSEQUENT MILITARY AWARDS

According to the November 30, 1967, Cranford Citizen and Chronicle and the November 27, 1967, Wilmington, DE The News Journal, Major Karl D. Hezel was interred at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood, PA. He was survived by his parents, his wife, Frances Osowski Hezel, Karl and Frances' son Karl Dieter Hezel, and a stepson, John J. Bader. Frances Hezel never remarried. She would teach school in Delaware County, PA and died at a relatively young age in 1984. She was also interred at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery, Linwood, PA where Karl Dieter Hezel was listed as her spouse.

At the time of his death, Major Hezel held the



(above) Navigator Training Class: Ellington Air Force Base navigator trainees march to class 1957. This is where Karl trained to become a navigator.

National Defense Service Medal, the U.S. Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal, and numerous U.S. Air Medals representing over 100 missions. Subsequent to his death, he was awarded a Purple Heart, a second U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) is only awarded to air crew and is the next highest medal above the Bronze Star. The citation for the latter read, in part:

“Having distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an electronic warfare officer supporting missions over North Vietnam in August 1967.”

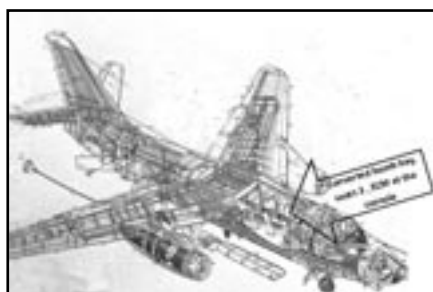
Reflecting on the death of his friend, Steve Burton wrote: “To this day I remember getting the call from Fran. Karl would have never called himself a hero. His strict German family background wouldn't have allowed it. But he was, and I remember him on this Memorial Day 2023. One of the most emotional days of my life was in Washington D.C. several years ago. I found Karl's name on the Vietnam Memorial wall. M too, I had a moment of silent prayer as I placed my hand on him”.

### FINAL THOUGHTS:

Major Karl Dieter Hezel served in a demanding role in an unforgiving conflict, flying 110 missions supporting combat aircraft attacking North Vietnam, in an aging, and possibly flawed, aircraft. In his final mission, that aircraft failed him and the rest of his air crew. None of this detracts from his dedication and bravery. We all need to salute his dedication and heroism and to embrace his surviving family. A nation cannot ask more of one of its own than it did of Karl Dieter Hezel.

If you would like to see more about EB-66 flights over North Vietnam, go to: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKBs3aQQD7U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKBs3aQQD7U). This is an interview with retired USAF colonel John Fer, whose EB-66 was shot down over Hanoi February 4, 1967, and who spent 73 months in the Hanoi Hilton prison camp, some of that time with John McCain.

If you would like to read more about EB-66 activities in Vietnam, I would suggest CPT Gilles Van Nederveen's Sparks Over Vietnam: The EB-66 and the Early Struggle of Tactical Electronic Warfare, University Press of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI, 2003.



(above, left) B-66C: An EB-66C “Destroyer” in camouflage paint. This is the aircraft Major Hezel served in and the way it looked in 1967. (above, center) B-66 Cross Section: Layout of an EB-66C showing the bomb bay area where Major Hezel and three other Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) officers were housed and from which they monitored their equipment to jam enemy radar. (above, right) F-105s: A flight of F-105 “Thunderchief” heavy fighter/bombers in camouflage paint. These are the aircraft Major Hezel's EB-66C would accompany on their bombing missions in North Vietnam.

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On Sunday, November 5, 2023, Cranford VFW Post #335 will be holding its annual Veterans’ Breakfast. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Post Home at 479 South Avenue E. in Cranford, this event will be open to all area veterans. A full breakfast will be served free of charge and there will be several notable speakers.

This year’s featured speaker will be U.S. Navy Lt. Commander Yvonne Zirrith, currently the Commanding Officer of Navy Security Forces Lakehurst and Joint Base McGuire-Fort Dix.

LCDR Zirrith began her Navy career as an enlisted Seabee in 1990 and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. She was commissioned as a Navy Security Officer in 2009 and has over 33 years of U.S. Naval Service. She has served as Commanding Officer of Navy Security Forces in Philadelphia, NSA Naples Italy, and at the Office of Naval Intelligence in Washington, D.C.

While deployed to the Middle East in 2018-2019, LCDR Zirrith was one of only three Navy Security Officers attached to CENTCOM’s Combined Joint Task Force, Operation Inherent Resolve. Her military decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Achievement Medals (5), the Coast Guard

Special Operations Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. She currently resides in Piscataway, NJ, and is also serving as Commander of Monroe Central VFW Post #262.

If you are a veteran of any era, VFW Post #335 encourages you to attend this important, fulfilling event. For further information email jimdcrc@verizon.net or call 908-276-9730.

(above) Lt. Commander Yvonne Zirrith

VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT POST OFFICE PLAZA

The Cranford VFW Post #335 will be holding its first annual Veterans Day Service on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Post Office Plaza in Cranford at 11:00 a.m.

The VFW asks that all veterans from any era, please attend this worthwhile ceremony, which is especially poignant as our National Guard unit from the Westfield Armory prepares to deploy again in early 2024. Attending will be the Post Color Guard, town dignitaries and speakers discussing the significance of this important day.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, which marked the signing of the truce to end Word War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In 1954 Congress changed the name to Veterans Day in order to recognize those millions of men and women who had served in World War II and the Korean War.

It is significant that the event is held at the Post Office Plaza, the site of the Flag Pole originally erected by the citizens of Cranford in 1918 to recognize the veterans of the town who so valiantly served in World War I. The Flagpole was unfortunately left to rust in the mud of the Conservation Center in 2003 in an effort to redesign the triangle in front of the Post Office.

The Cranford VFW was instrumental in starting a committee to refurbish and erect the Flagpole at the original sight. Over \$40,000 was raised through a community wide effort and the Flagpole as it now proudly stands was re-dedicated on November 8, 2008, just in time for Veterans Day.

The VFW plans to make this program an annual event and asks for town wide support to help make it a success.

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## BREONA PIZZUTA EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

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Gold Award Girl Scouts in high school complete projects to make the world a better place and earn the highest award available to Seniors and Ambassadors.

Breona Pizzuta, a senior at Cranford High School, received her Girl Scout Gold Award for creating a program that helped address mental health for teenagers at school, helping her peers build coping mechanisms and resilience. She felt there was a need to address student mental health at Cranford High School and immediately went to work on creating a successful program for all students at CHS.

Mental health has grown to become one of the most important issues facing our youth today. The Cranford Public School district prioritizes the mental health and well-being of all students to help ensure their academic and emotional success. High school students are a population who are in great need of mental health services and one Cranford Girl Scout stepped up to provide her school community with resources and support.

Breona has been a dedicated Girl Scout since kindergarten. She has served Cranford Service Unit 48 as a youth leader as well as a Girl Scouts of Heart of New Jersey Media Girl. "Girl Scouts helps bring out the best in girls and allows me to be involved as a member of my community and society to help others in need," Pizzuta recalls. "Through Girl Scouts I have learned life-long skills such as goal setting, money management, decision making, business ethics and problem solving. Girl Scouts has taught me that anyone can do anything they put their mind to!"

Breona felt passionate about focusing her Gold Award project on a meaningful issue that impacted many teenagers. She understood the stress and anxiety of teens due to workload, competition, and pressure to be a successful student at school along with the pressures of society and the world presented through social media and news outlets. Pizzuta wanted to help her peers manage their own mental health.



*(above) Breona Pizzuta reports on mental health among teens.*

Courtesy photo

"I researched and learned that untreated depression is the number one cause of suicide," Breona said. "My general focus was student stressors and pressures that lead to negative feelings and declining mental health."

Breona, a leading member of CHS Girls Who Code, put her computer science skills to use by creating her own website for the project with mental health statistics, resources, lessons, techniques, and activities proven beneficial by mental health professionals. She also reached out to the then District Coordinator of Culture and Climate for Cranford Public Schools and partnered on this project to have the greatest impact.

Breona's program, Mental Health Matters, includes a website and research-based curriculum she developed based on "helpful techniques and lessons that have been proven beneficial by mental health professionals such as counselors and

researchers." The program ran once a month for six months during lunch, where students would discuss a given topic and complete a hands-on activity or craft. She tracked student progress and learning with pre- and post-session questionnaires. Mrs. Colucci would teach the information and Breona would lead the activity which created the perfect partnership for Cranford High School students to receive resources and support.

Mental Health Matters "helped students have fewer negative thoughts and taught them positive ways to manage their stress," Breona said of the results. She was a fantastic facilitator and collaborative partner with Mrs. Colucci who was in awe of Breona's skills and passion for the project.

The successful program was shared by the Director of Counseling, Lisa Burfeindt and Cranford High School Student Assistance Counselor, Toni Anthony with other districts in Union County. Her passion and vision to help others with Mental Health will continue and expand.

The Girl Scouts of Cranford boasts over 1,139 Girl Scout Members in 71 troops and Juliettes making it one of the largest non-profit organizations in town. The Cranford Service Unit is a part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) Council which is part of the Girl Scouts of the USA. If your family is interested in learning more about local Girl Scouts or to find out more information on the Girls Scouts of Cranford, please visit [cranfordgirlscouts.com](http://cranfordgirlscouts.com).

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For more information contact the club at [cranfordcollegeclub@gmail.com](mailto:cranfordcollegeclub@gmail.com) and check out our website, [collegewomensclubcranford.com](http://collegewomensclubcranford.com).

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The Jaycees also presented a \$8,000 check to the Union County College Foundation for their scholarship program.



(above) Cranford First Aid Squad check presentation



(above) Union County College Foundation check presentation

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## CRANFORD VFW HONORS JOSEPH T. DELGRIPPO

The Cranford VFW Post #335 held a party on October 14, 2023, friends, family, and members gathered to officially memorialize their rental hall, naming it the “Joseph T. DelGrippe Memorial Hall” after long-time VFW member and former Post Commander Joseph T. DelGrippe.

DelGrippe, who was a 55-year resident of Cranford, was Post Commander in 1971-1972. He also was a two-time VFW District #5 Commander from 1989-91 and was a daily fixture at “The Post” as quartermaster for over 30 years until he passed away at age 88 on

December 3, 2021.

A Korean War Marine Veteran, DelGrippe served in combat from 1952 until 1953. After moving his family to Cranford in 1966, he became dedicated to his community for the rest of his life. Not only was he active in the VFW, but he was also a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Cranford Baseball League and was active for many years as an usher at St. Michael’s R.C. Church. He was a regular visitor to various Veterans Administration hospitals, sitting with disabled and aging veterans who often didn’t have anyone else visit in their later years.

The hall naming event saw many speakers, friends, and comrades who spoke of the many years Mr. DelGrippe spent in service to his fellow veterans. Warm anecdotes and memories brought many a tear to the eyes of attendees.

A speaker of note, Mr. DelGrippe’s son, told the crowd about some of the personal sides of his father; some of the stories were news to even several close family members in attendance.

At the end of ceremonies, former Post Commander Colonel Drew Burns presented a plaque, to be hung over both entryways to the hall, which read “This Hall Is Dedicated In Loving Memory of JOSEPH T. DELGRIPPO (USMC – KOREA) 10/14/33 – 12/3/21 In grateful recognition of his 50 years of dedicated service to Cranford VFW Post #335.”

Mr. DelGrippe’s daughter, Anne Vaccaro, who currently handles the rental hall duties her father

performed for so long, presented several donations to Post Commander Mark Schwartz.

The celebration of Mr. DelGrippe’s VFW life was held on what would have been his 90th birthday.



## RAE MIRSKY KANE



Rae Mirsky Kane from Tamarac, FL, and Cranford, New Jersey, passed away on October 8, 2023, in Florida. She was 101-3/4 years old. Rae spent her last days in the company of her loving family.

Rae was predeceased by Allan C. Kane, her husband of 65 years. In Cranford, Rae was very active with the Cranford Temple Beth-El. She was also active with the B’nai B’rith Women and twice served as president of the chapter. She was later active with the Roselle-Cranford Hadassah and served as co-president.

When she moved to Kings Point in Tamarac, Florida, Rae served as secretary of King Point Hadassah, and was also in the Kings Point chorus.

Rae always believed in lifelong learning. She attended and graduated from Union County College (in Cranford) when she was in her 70s, and she earned an Associate’s Degree. She was also an active writer, and has published three books: Climbing the Mountain, a biography of the unique life of Allan Kane, and also books of her original poems, called Diverse Verse and Diverse Verse 2. When Rae lived in Tamarac, FL, she was well known around Kings Point for her poems that were published regularly in the Kings Point newspaper.

Just as important, Rae was always known for her positive, cheerful nature. She was always upbeat, constantly seeing the bright side and always smiling. She lived a long, wonderful, happy life.

Rae is survived by her two children, Dr. Martin Kane from Delray Beach, and Leslie Kane, MA, from Summit, NJ., and her daughter-in-law Esther Kane. Rae’s son, Dr. Daniel Kane, predeceased her. Rae’s family also includes her grandson Mitchell Bernstein and wife Olya Debrin and two great-grandchildren, Mark Bernstein and Craig Bernstein, who loved her very much.

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together to paint the exterior pencils with supplies donated by the BPS PTA. The kids had fun helping out their school while also having some friend time. Attention was also given to the BPS playground where some extra weeding was done.

Brookside PTA President Colleen Sutter said she hopes this will be a kickoff to more volunteer sessions this fall.

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(above) Families of BPS got together to beautify the exterior.

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Club and the Steppin' Out Quartet will be featured guests. Tickets are \$25 and are available at [hickorytreechorus.org/tickets](http://hickorytreechorus.org/tickets) or by emailing [tickets@hickorytreechorus.org](mailto:tickets@hickorytreechorus.org). This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come support local singing while enjoying a musical journey.

The Hickory Tree Chorus, an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, performs fun-filled popular music, barbershop style. Founded in 1968 in Chatham Township, NJ, HTC currently rehearses in Stirling, NJ. Find more info at [hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org).



(above) Hickory Tree Chorus

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# HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS HOUSE TOUR

Cranford’s 32nd Annual Home for the Holidays House Tour will take place the first weekend in December. The tour will feature five beautiful homes lovingly decorated for the holidays on Sunday, December 3, 2023, from 12 to 4 p.m. Attendees will be guided through each home where volunteers share information on the special historical and decorating details of each one. Both the Green Thumb Garden Club and the Cranford Garden Club will provide festive decorations as well.

“The Cranford Woman’s Club enjoys putting on this event each year. This is an important fundraiser for scholarships, Project Home, and our other philanthropic recipients. Our homeowners are incredibly generous for sharing

their homes and family stories for the tour. We greatly appreciate our homeowners and the attendees of the tour for supporting our efforts to give back to Cranford,” said Kendall O’Brien, who is chairing this year’s committee.

Music by Cranford High School’s Madrigal singers will be featured in three homes, along with a pop-up holiday band at another. Four of the five featured historic homes have never been on the tour, and the fifth has not been on the tour in thirty years. Organized Chaos, an in-home organizing service, will also be providing service to one of the homes.

Tickets are \$35 and will be available on-line via Eventbrite beginning November 3, or they can be purchased directly at the Cranford Library.



(above) The Cranford Woman’s Club’s 32nd Annual Home for the Holidays House Tour will return this year on December 3.

Courtesy photos

# FALL SEASONAL FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INFO

## Cranford Fire Department

Fall Seasonal Fire & Life Safety Information Every season brings its own safety hazards. As summer turns to fall, it’s a good idea to start thinking about our home heating systems, fireplaces, candles, and leaves!

Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home to make sure they work! Replace the batteries and check the date on the back of the detector. If it is older than ten years, you should replace the detector. Make sure to do this before using the heat or fireplace!

Have your heating system, fireplaces, and chimney checked by a professional before the season. Make sure that your chimney is clear of any debris or creosote buildup. Creosote is a deposit from smoke which can build up and start a fire.

Make sure the area around your furnace/boiler and water heater is clear of anything that can burn. Never use the area around these appliances for storage. Not only can it cause a fire, but it can restrict air flow to the appliance.

If using a fireplace or fire pit, use only

seasoned, dry woods. Never burn treated wood. When done, put all ashes outdoors and away from anything that can burn (fences, garages, etc). Store them in a metal container for disposal.

Never park your car over a pile of leaves, and make sure you pile leaves far away from your house. Keep leaves, branches, and other materials which burn from accumulating on your property. Never burn leaves, the embers and sparks can travel far and set other fires.

Never burn candles unattended. Place them in sturdy, burn-resistant containers that won’t tip over. Never place them near windows where blinds or curtains could blow over them, or in high traffic areas where pets or children could knock them over.

If using space heaters, make sure they are plugged directly into the wall and have an auto[1]shutoff feature. Don’t use space heaters unattended and never use them with extension cords or power strips.

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Avaline	21.67	Summer in a Bottle Provence Rose	21.67	Brila Prosecco	11.09	Crown Royal 750ml (All Types)	28.09	Michelob Ultra 24pk Btl	26.99
Bogle	8.97	Summer in a Bottle Long Island Rose	21.67	Dom Perignon Brut	237.09	Dewars White Label 1.75L	32.09	Miller Lite 30pk Can	25.99
Bread & Butter	12.17	Summer Water	12.99	Domaine Chandon Brut	19.99	Elijah Craig Rye 750ml	29.09	Miller Lite 24pk Btl	22.99
Cakebread	28.66	Wolffer Estate Rose Table Wine	15.09	Josh Cellars Prosecco	13.09	Fireball 1.75L	27.39	Modelo Especial 24pk Btl	31.99
Cloudy Bay	28.09	SPARKLING		Korbel Brut 1.5L	22.99	Gentleman Jack 1.75L	52.09	Modelo Especial 24pk Can	28.99
Craggy Range	15.67	Barefoot Bubbly Brut Cuvee	9.99	Korbel Extra Dry 1.5L	22.99	High West Double Rye 750ml	29.09	Samuel Adams 24pk Btl	32.99
Decoy Sonoma	15.99	Brila Prosecco	11.09	La Marca Prosecco	15.99	Jack Daniel 1.75L	47.09	Stella Artois 24pk Btl	30.99
Duckhorn Napa	21.99	Dom Perignon Brut	237.09	La Marca Prosecco Rose	15.01	Jameson Irish Whiskey 1.75L	60.09	White Claw Variety 24pk Can Case	31.99
Emmolo Napa	19.99	Domaine Chandon Brut	19.99	Louis Roederer Collection 243	57.00	Jameson Black Barrel Irish Whiskey 750ml	41.09	Yuengling Lager 24pk Btl	22.99
Francis Coppola Diamond	11.09	Mionetto Prosecco Brut	14.09	Mionetto Prosecco Rose	14.09	Jim Beam 1.75	32.09		
Groth	21.09	Mionetto Prosecco Rose	14.09	Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut	45.09	Buchanans 12yr Scotch Whiskey 1.75L	56.09		
Hess Select	11.99	Moet & Chandon Imperial Brut	45.09	Mumm Napa Brut Prestige	21.99	Chivas Regal 12yr 1.75L	62.09		
Invivo SNP X	15.33	Mummm Napa Brut Prestige	21.99	Piper Heidsick Cuvee Demi Sec	45.09	Chivas Regal 18yr 1.75L	138.09		
Joel Gott	11.99	Veuve Clicquot Brut	52.09	Veuve Clicquot Rose	65.09	FRENCH WINES			
Josh Cellars	13.09	Veuve Clicquot Rose	65.09			Johnnie Walker Black Label 1.75L	59.09		
Justin Central Coast	12.99			Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	12.99	Johnnie Walker Blue Label 750ml	189.00		
Kim Crawford	14.09	Louis Jadot Chardonnay	17.99	Louis Jadot Pinot Noir	19.99	Johnnie Walker Gold Label 750ml	59.00		
La Crema Sonoma	15.00	Louis Jadot Macon Villages Chardonnay	14.99	Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	25.99	Johnnie Walker RedLabel 1.75L	32.09		
Love Block	20.66					Kurvball BBQ Whiskey 750ml	21.09		
Markham Napa	17.00					Monkey Shoulder Scotch Whiskey 1.75L	59.09		
Matua	11.09					Noble Oak Double Rye 750ml	31.09		
Merry Edwards	40.00					Old Forester Rye 750ml	26.09		
Rodney Strong Sonoma	12.19					Redbreast 12yr Irish Whiskey 750ml	65.09		
Rombauer	24.99					Teeling Small Batch 750ml	38.09		
Seaglass	9.75					WhistlePig 10yr Straight Rye 750ml	69.09		
St Francis Sonoma	14.99					Woodford Reserve Rye 750ml	36.09		
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